

MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

March 1994
Data



A Monthly Review of Labor Market Information

Highlights

Missouri's unemployment rate was 6.0 percent in March, about the same as in the previous two months. Although the unemployment estimate did not show the expected seasonal decrease in March, labor market conditions do not appear to be worsening.

Indeed, jobs growth has been very strong. Nonfarm payroll employment grew by 23,700 jobs to 2,420,500. Seasonal improvement in construction, services, trade, and government were responsible for most of the increase, but small gains in seasonally adjusted employment were noted in most industries as well. Over the year, nonfarm payrolls have grown by 77,200 jobs, a gain of 3.3 percent. Growth continues to be strong in services, trade, government and construction. Even manufacturing employment is up by 1,100 jobs, as gains in a number of industries have offset the well-known losses in automobile, aerospace, instrument, chemical, and shoe manufacturing.

Labor market conditions have continued to improve in the St. Louis MSA. Although the estimated unemployment rate, at 5.6 percent, was unchanged from February, employment has increased sub-

stantially. Seasonal gains in construction, retail trade, and recreational services contributed much of the increase. Manufacturing employment grew for the first time in several months, despite a layoff in motor vehicle parts manufacturing. Since March 1993, nonfarm payrolls have grown by 29,000 jobs, paced by construction, retail trade, health services, and business services.

Kansas City's unemployment rate, at 5.3 percent, was also little changed from February. Payroll employment continued to climb in March, reaching a total of 815,900. The over-the-month gain of 6,700 jobs was slightly below the average March increase. More than a quarter of the increase came in government, largely the result of the seasonal hiring of federal tax processors. Since March 1993, payroll employment has grown by 22,400 jobs, well above the normal March over-the-year increase.

In Springfield, the unemployment rate edged up from 4.3 to 4.4 percent. Payroll employment was up by 1,000 jobs, reaching 142,300. Gains were noted in trade, services, and transportation and utilities. Over the year, employment has grown by 7,300 jobs, or 5.4 percent.

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates

County/Labor Market Area	Current Month - March 1994 (Preliminary)				Previous Month - February 1994 (Revised)				One Year Ago - March 1993 (Benchmarked)			
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S.(000)	130,581.0	122,037	8,543	6.5	130,776	122,258	8,518	6.5	127,440	118,562	8,878	7.0
MISSOURI	2,643,952	2,488,875	155,077	5.9	2,637,755	2,495,081	142,674	5.4	2,644,555	2,478,894	165,661	6.3
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	129,718	120,844	8,874	6.8	129,764	120,503	9,262	7.1	126,682	117,406	9,276	7.3
MISSOURI	2,632,373	2,473,983	158,390	6.0	2,610,712	2,457,938	152,774	5.9	2,632,881	2,464,033	168,848	6.4
METROPOLITAN AREAS (MSAs)												
ST. LOUIS	1,281,175	1,209,825	71,350	5.6	1,273,043	1,202,095	70,948	5.6	1,258,939	1,175,887	83,052	6.6
Franklin	42,296	39,573	2,723	6.4	42,148	39,362	2,786	6.6	41,936	38,595	3,341	8.0
Jefferson	93,082	87,106	5,976	6.4	92,709	86,642	6,067	6.5	91,679	84,954	6,725	7.3
Lincoln	15,266	13,948	1,318	8.6	15,142	13,874	1,268	8.4	15,046	13,603	1,443	9.6
St. Charles	128,127	121,421	6,706	5.2	126,943	120,774	6,169	4.9	124,962	118,421	6,541	5.2
St. Louis County	542,970	519,755	23,215	4.3	538,742	516,983	21,759	4.0	531,720	506,913	24,807	4.7
Warren	10,538	9,647	891	8.5	10,443	9,596	847	8.1	10,273	9,409	864	8.4
St. Louis City	172,501	158,783	13,718	8.0	170,673	157,936	12,737	7.5	169,621	154,860	14,761	8.7
KANSAS CITY	889,048	841,589	47,459	5.3	881,552	835,600	45,952	5.2	863,854	817,716	46,138	5.3
Cass	36,461	34,431	2,030	5.6	36,306	34,263	2,043	5.6	35,443	33,400	2,043	5.8
Clay	92,109	88,297	3,812	4.1	91,580	87,865	3,715	4.1	89,493	85,654	3,839	4.3
Clinton	8,499	7,954	545	6.4	8,428	7,915	513	6.1	8,188	7,716	472	5.8
Jackson	343,440	323,747	19,693	5.7	341,119	322,162	18,957	5.6	333,778	314,055	19,723	5.9
Lafayette	15,211	14,471	740	4.9	15,243	14,400	843	5.5	14,977	14,038	939	6.3
Platte	36,987	35,658	1,329	3.6	36,765	35,484	1,281	3.5	36,012	34,591	1,421	3.9
Ray	10,289	9,668	621	6.0	10,225	9,621	604	5.9	10,116	9,379	737	7.3
SPRINGFIELD	152,918	146,148	6,770	4.4	152,334	145,713	6,621	4.3	147,696	139,772	7,924	5.4
Christian	20,624	19,301	1,323	6.4	20,581	19,244	1,337	6.5	19,844	18,459	1,385	7.0
Greene	120,332	115,498	4,834	4.0	119,829	115,154	4,675	3.9	116,280	110,459	5,821	5.0
Webster	11,962	11,349	613	5.1	11,925	11,316	609	5.1	11,570	10,854	716	6.2
JOPLIN	70,249	66,037	4,212	6.0	69,365	65,730	3,635	5.2	71,816	67,760	3,856	5.4
Jasper	46,760	43,987	2,773	5.9	46,404	43,782	2,622	5.7	47,828	45,134	2,694	5.6
Newton	23,489	22,050	1,439	6.1	22,961	21,948	1,013	4.4	23,788	22,626	1,162	4.9
COLUMBIA	68,204	66,130	2,074	3.0	67,952	65,971	1,981	2.9	70,580	68,144	2,436	3.5
Boone	68,204	66,130	2,074	3.0	67,952	65,971	1,981	2.9	70,580	68,144	2,436	3.5
ST. JOSEPH	45,411	41,033	4,378	9.6	45,119	41,045	4,074	9.0	47,668	44,245	3,423	7.2
Andrew	6,983	6,476	507	7.3	7,025	6,478	547	7.8	7,448	6,983	465	6.2
Buchanan	38,429	34,557	3,872	10.1	38,095	34,567	3,528	9.3	40,221	37,262	2,959	7.4
LABOR MARKET AREAS (LMAs)												
ADAIR-SCHUYLER	16,671	15,969	702	4.2	16,574	15,913	661	4.0	16,590	15,685	905	5.5
Adair	14,335	13,775	560	3.9	14,224	13,726	498	3.5	14,194	13,530	664	4.7
Schuyler	2,336	2,194	142	6.1	2,350	2,187	163	6.9	2,396	2,155	241	10.1
BUTLER-CARTER-RIPLY	23,445	21,192	2,253	9.6	23,443	21,262	2,181	9.3	24,517	22,265	2,252	9.2
Butler	16,924	15,382	1,542	9.1	16,922	15,433	1,489	8.8	17,702	16,161	1,541	8.7
Carter	2,188	1,957	231	10.6	2,190	1,964	226	10.3	2,303	2,057	246	10.7
Ripley	4,333	3,853	480	11.1	4,332	3,865	467	10.8	4,510	4,048	462	10.2
CAMDEN-MILLER	22,611	19,961	2,650	11.7	21,869	19,971	2,898	13.3	23,097	20,323	2,774	12.0
Camden	12,865	11,406	1,459	11.3	12,397	10,841	1,556	12.6	13,104	11,613	1,491	11.4
Miller	9,746	8,555	1,191	12.2	9,472	8,130	1,342	14.2	9,994	8,710	1,284	12.8
CAPE GIRARDEAU-SCOTT-												
NEW MADRID	69,055	64,410	4,645	6.7	68,715	64,425	4,290	6.2	71,294	66,183	5,111	7.2
Bollinger	4,518	4,168	350	7.7	4,524	4,169	355	7.8	4,705	4,283	422	9.0
Cape Girardeau	32,246	30,587	1,659	5.1	32,036	30,595	1,441	4.5	33,171	31,429	1,742	5.3
Mississippi	5,817	5,254	563	9.7	5,853	5,255	598	10.2	6,058	5,398	660	10.9
New Madrid	8,316	7,519	797	9.6	8,232	7,521	711	8.6	8,627	7,726	901	10.4
Scott	18,161	16,882	1,279	7.0	18,072	16,886	1,186	6.6	18,733	17,347	1,386	7.4
COLE-CALLAWAY-MONTEAU	61,988	59,200	2,788	4.5	61,492	58,584	2,908	4.7	65,974	62,577	3,397	5.1
Callaway	16,835	15,961	874	5.2	16,632	15,795	837	5.0	17,957	16,872	1,085	6.0
Cole	32,823	31,617	1,206	3.7	32,579	31,288	1,291	4.0	34,854	33,421	1,433	4.1
Monteau	6,095	5,698	397	6.5	6,066	5,639	427	7.0	6,593	6,023	570	8.6
Osage	6,236	5,924	312	5.0	6,214	5,862	352	5.7	6,571	6,262	309	4.7
HOWELL-OREGON-SHANNON	22,753	20,964	1,789	7.9	22,432	20,880	1,552	6.9	23,731	22,005	1,726	7.3
Howell	15,156	14,066	1,090	7.2	14,982	14,010	972	6.5	15,912	14,765	1,147	7.2
Oregon	3,891	3,613	278	7.1	3,834	3,598	236	6.2	4,018	3,792	226	5.6
Shannon	3,707	3,285	422	11.4	3,615	3,272	343	9.5	3,801	3,448	353	9.3
LAWRENCE-BARRY	26,882	24,988	1,894	7.0	26,704	24,937	1,767	6.6	28,358	26,509	1,849	6.5
Barry	12,752	11,894	858	6.7	12,662	11,870	792	6.3	13,491	12,618	873	6.5
Lawrence	14,130	13,094	1,036	7.3	14,043	13,067	976	7.0	14,867	13,891	976	6.6
MARION-RALLS	18,234	17,190	1,044	5.7	18,009	16,976	1,033	5.7	19,241	17,871	1,370	7.1
Marion	13,750	12,980	770	5.6	13,591	12,818	773	5.7	14,500	13,494	1,006	6.9
Ralls	4,484	4,210	274	6.1	4,418	4,158	260	5.9	4,741	4,377	364	7.7
PHELPS-MARIES	20,164	19,051	1,113	5.5	20,032	18,926	1,106	5.5	21,385	19,829	1,556	7.3
Maries	3,796	3,568	228	6.0	3,767	3,545	222	5.9	4,095	3,714	381	9.3
Phelps	16,368	15,483	885	5.4	16,265	15,381	884	5.4	17,291	16,115	1,176	6.8
ST. FRANCOIS-WASHINGTON	27,383	24,132	3,251	11.9	27,037	23,904	3,133	11.6	28,414	25,204	3,210	11.3
St. Francois	19,619	17,473	2,146	10.9	19,348	17,308	2,040	10.5	20,369	18,250	2,119	10.4
Washington	7,764	6,659	1,105	14.2	7,688	6,596	1,092	14.2	8,046	6,954	1,092	13.6

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OTHER COUNTIES												
Atchison	2,641	2,526	115	4.4	2,602	2,465	137	5.3	2,999	2,826	173	5.8
Audrain	10,756	10,169	587	5.5	10,741	10,153	588	5.5	11,713	10,986	727	6.2
Barton	5,933	5,656	277	4.7	5,861	5,637	224	3.8	6,325	6,077	248	3.9
Bates	7,307	6,790	517	7.1	7,262	6,723	539	7.4	7,844	7,285	559	7.1
Benton	5,233	4,660	573	10.9	4,956	4,390	566	11.4	5,660	5,053	607	10.7
Caldwell	3,406	3,186	220	6.5	3,290	3,051	239	7.3	3,814	3,501	313	8.2
Carroll	4,689	4,349	340	7.3	4,646	4,321	325	7.0	5,197	4,751	446	8.6
Cedar	5,094	4,792	302	5.9	4,892	4,607	285	5.9	5,253	4,931	322	6.1
Chariton	3,792	3,544	248	6.5	3,732	3,488	244	6.5	4,177	3,856	321	7.7
Clark	3,186	2,961	225	7.1	3,125	2,916	209	6.7	3,726	3,382	344	9.2
Cooper	7,694	7,262	432	5.6	7,629	7,209	420	5.5	8,242	7,727	515	6.2
Crawford	9,368	8,539	829	8.8	9,282	8,407	875	9.4	9,728	8,718	1,010	10.4
Dade	2,850	2,666	184	6.5	2,781	2,600	181	6.5	3,211	2,986	225	7.0
Dallas	5,646	5,236	410	7.3	5,540	5,154	386	7.0	6,095	5,544	551	9.0
Davies	3,140	2,897	243	7.7	3,051	2,829	222	7.3	3,464	3,166	298	8.6
DeKalb	3,948	3,708	240	6.1	3,948	3,720	228	5.8	4,078	3,798	280	6.9
Dent	5,969	5,462	507	8.5	5,776	5,309	467	8.1	6,174	5,674	500	8.1
Douglas	5,474	5,136	338	6.2	5,453	5,098	355	6.5	5,799	5,439	360	6.2
Dunklin	12,911	11,743	1,168	9.0	12,740	11,646	1,094	8.6	13,370	12,107	1,263	9.4
Gasconade	6,512	6,044	468	7.2	6,382	5,920	462	7.2	7,217	6,441	776	10.8
Gentry	3,136	3,006	130	4.1	3,107	2,994	113	3.6	3,421	3,289	132	3.9
Grundy	4,845	4,584	261	5.4	4,787	4,522	265	5.5	5,237	4,893	344	6.6
Harrison	3,845	3,637	208	5.4	3,774	3,576	198	5.2	4,220	3,957	263	6.2
Henry	8,802	8,085	717	8.1	8,670	7,953	717	8.3	9,399	8,603	796	8.5
Hickory	2,363	2,158	205	8.7	2,387	2,170	217	9.1	2,685	2,425	260	9.7
Holt	2,614	2,432	182	7.0	2,556	2,405	151	5.9	2,743	2,583	160	5.8
Howard	4,668	4,456	212	4.5	4,605	4,393	212	4.6	4,739	4,464	275	5.8
Iron	4,058	3,594	464	11.4	4,048	3,616	432	10.7	4,118	3,615	503	12.2
Johnson	20,388	19,453	935	4.6	20,280	19,401	879	4.3	20,748	19,848	900	4.3
Knox	1,728	1,615	113	6.5	1,695	1,588	107	6.3	2,001	1,851	150	7.5
Laclede	12,861	11,952	909	7.1	12,745	11,790	955	7.5	13,253	12,223	1,030	7.8
Lewis	4,649	4,350	299	6.4	4,589	4,305	284	6.2	5,071	4,684	387	7.6
Linn	6,560	6,078	482	7.3	6,446	5,962	484	7.5	6,862	6,332	530	7.7
Livingston	6,665	6,296	369	5.5	6,544	6,184	360	5.5	6,951	6,612	339	4.9
McDonald	6,487	6,064	423	6.5	6,505	6,160	345	5.3	6,742	6,273	469	7.0
Macon	6,418	5,829	589	9.2	6,504	5,940	564	8.7	7,389	6,478	911	12.3
Madison	4,333	3,903	430	9.9	4,375	3,938	437	10.0	4,666	4,100	566	12.1
Mercer	2,152	2,001	151	7.0	2,097	1,942	155	7.4	1,952	1,825	127	6.5
Monroe	3,861	3,623	238	6.2	3,828	3,593	235	6.1	4,321	4,025	296	6.9
Montgomery	5,415	5,043	372	6.9	5,318	4,945	373	7.0	5,668	5,211	457	8.1
Morgan	6,759	6,081	678	10.0	6,631	5,899	732	11.0	7,385	6,559	826	11.2
Nodaway	11,239	10,896	343	3.1	11,148	10,786	362	3.2	11,819	11,325	494	4.2
Ozark	3,648	3,290	358	9.8	3,468	3,135	333	9.6	3,877	3,550	327	8.4
Pemiscot	7,010	6,124	886	12.6	6,899	6,071	828	12.0	7,770	6,739	1,031	13.3
Perry	9,519	8,968	551	5.8	9,442	8,956	486	5.1	9,858	9,277	581	5.9
Pettis	18,082	16,720	1,362	7.5	17,866	16,578	1,288	7.2	18,857	17,362	1,495	7.9
Pike	6,683	6,158	525	7.9	6,558	6,085	473	7.2	7,262	6,666	596	8.2
Polk	9,852	9,355	497	5.0	9,666	9,170	496	5.1	10,707	10,116	591	5.5
Pulaski	12,209	11,159	1,050	8.6	12,181	11,141	1,040	8.5	12,528	11,386	1,142	9.1
Putnam	2,055	1,945	110	5.4	2,026	1,925	101	5.0	2,100	1,950	150	7.1
Randolph	9,656	8,880	776	8.0	9,491	8,780	711	7.5	10,299	9,346	953	9.3
Reynolds	3,013	2,795	218	7.2	2,922	2,737	185	6.3	2,923	2,660	263	9.0
St. Clair	3,420	3,100	320	9.4	3,318	3,039	279	8.4	3,758	3,460	298	7.9
Ste. Genevieve	8,097	7,547	550	6.8	8,019	7,515	504	6.3	8,242	7,663	579	7.0
Saline	11,068	10,476	592	5.3	11,062	10,412	650	5.9	11,190	10,474	716	6.4
Scotland	2,213	2,082	131	5.9	2,146	2,031	115	5.4	2,541	2,344	197	7.8
Shelby	2,917	2,715	202	6.9	2,867	2,687	180	6.3	3,348	3,090	258	7.7
Stoddard	12,548	11,319	1,229	9.8	12,450	11,242	1,208	9.7	13,150	11,801	1,349	10.3
Stone	12,520	10,157	2,363	18.9	11,903	9,411	2,492	20.9	11,540	9,497	2,043	17.7
Sullivan	2,681	2,515	166	6.2	2,706	2,522	184	6.8	2,894	2,693	201	6.9
Texas	9,021	7,864	1,157	12.8	8,861	7,714	1,147	12.9	9,914	8,530	1,384	14.0
Taney	22,145	18,491	3,654	16.5	22,315	18,005	4,310	19.3	19,527	16,327	3,200	16.4
Vernon	7,869	7,462	407	5.2	7,851	7,432	419	5.3	8,621	8,149	472	5.5
Wayne	3,874	3,159	715	18.5	3,813	3,178	635	16.7	3,998	3,200	798	20.0
Worth	979	892	87	8.9	950	873	77	8.1	1,069	960	109	10.2
Wright	8,152	7,483	669	8.2	8,059	7,481	578	7.2	8,028	7,409	619	7.7

NOTES: Data within shaded areas are provisional and not comparable to 1994 data
Data for counties within MSAs/LMAs prepared by disaggregation from MSA/LMA totals

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri unemployment in March is estimated to have remained near the levels of January and February. The March rate was 6.0 percent, compared to January and February rates of 6.1 and 5.9 percent, respectively. Since unemployment did not show the expected seasonal improvement in March, the seasonally adjusted rate increased, climbing to 5.9 percent from 5.4 percent in the previous two months. This increase is not believed to indicate worsening labor market conditions, since payroll employment increased and unemployment insurance claims decreased in March.

Total employment bounced back to 2,474,000 after declining in February. The seasonally adjusted estimate has been edging down since January.

Nonfarm payroll employment, on the other hand, has continued to increase. The total number of jobs increased by 23,700 in March, reaching 2,420,500. Seasonal improvement in construction, services, trade, and government were responsible for most of the increase, but small gains in seasonally adjusted employment were noted in most industries as well.

Over-the-year growth in payroll employment remains very strong. The current level of employment is 77,200 jobs higher than it was in March 1993, a gain of 3.3 percent. Growth continues to be strong in services, trade, government, and construction. Manufacturing employment is up by 1,100 jobs, as gains in furniture and fixtures, electronic equipment, machinery, and other industries have offset the losses in automobile, aerospace, instrument, chemical, and shoe manufacturing. Outside the manufacturing sector, only a few industries (including mining, banking, and communications) have shown losses, and these have been very small.

The factory workweek in March, at 41.3 hours, was little changed from the previous two months. Average hourly earnings of \$11.83 and weekly earnings of \$488.58 were both up slightly from February. The weekly figure was 2.7 percent higher than a year earlier; average weekly hours were unchanged from March 1993.

Average weekly hours in construction continued upward, increasing by 2.5 to 37.7. Average hourly earnings of construction workers increased by 23 cents to \$17.85, while the weekly figure climbed by \$52.73 to \$672.95. Over the past year, construction workers' weekly earnings have increased by 7.4 percent, as the average workweek increased by 1.3 hours.

In the private service-producing sector, hours and earnings were little changed between February and March. Average weekly hours have changed little over the past year, while earnings have edged up. The weekly average increased by 2.9 percent to \$302.38.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National labor market conditions rebounded sharply in March on the heels of improved weather conditions.

Nonfarm payroll employment jumped by 456,000 jobs in March, making up for slow growth in the previous two months. Nearly half the gain was in the service industries, especially business services, where temporary help services have been growing rapidly, and health services. Construction employment jumped by 74,000 jobs, following weather-related losses in January and February. The factory workweek also rebounded sharply, climbing to a post-War high of 42.2 hours.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 6.5 percent in March. Although the change in the Current Population Survey implemented in January makes direct comparisons with year-ago data difficult, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that overall unemployment has dropped considerably over the past year.

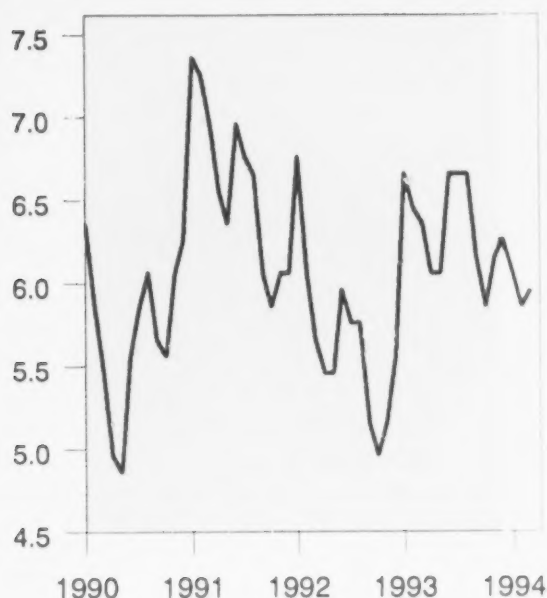
The estimate of economic growth in the fourth quarter of 1993 has been revised downward to 7.0 percent, but this is still the best performance in a decade.

Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators turned down in February, the first decline in seven months. The decrease was only a tenth of a percentage point, which could be erased in subsequent revisions. Harsh weather appeared to play a major role, pushing down the factory workweek, the largest single contributor to the decline. Still, analysts say recent reports are consistent with growth moderating after the first quarter.

April normally represents a month of considerably improved labor market conditions in Missouri. Some of the improvement which did not show up in March unemployment figures might appear in April, although the heavy rain and flooding which plagued the reference week could have some negative effect.

Missouri Unemployment Rate



Series contains noncomparable data. See page 8.

Missouri Payroll Employment



Explanatory Notes

All data in this publication are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Data. Labor force data are estimates of the number of people who are either employed or unemployed, on a place-of-residence basis. Data for 1994 are preliminary, while 1990-1993 data are provisional — not yet official and subject to change. The 1994 data are not directly comparable to 1993 and earlier data because of changes in methodology.

- Total Employment represents the number of employed civilians, including self-employment and agricultural employment.
- Unemployment represents the number of people who are not employed but are looking for work.
- Civilian Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment.
- Unemployment Rate is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data are place-of-work estimates of the number of jobs, based on a survey of establishments. The data have been

adjusted to the March 1993 benchmark. Data are available for all employees on nonfarm payrolls, for the number of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls, and for average hours and earnings of production workers. Seasonally adjusted employment data for major industry groups are published for Missouri.

Areas. Labor Market Reviews cover the state and its three largest metropolitan areas. MSA definitions are the official Office of Management and Budget designations which became effective December 31, 1992.

- The St. Louis MSA includes the City of St. Louis plus St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles and Warren counties in Missouri and Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois. For data purposes, the portion of Sullivan in Crawford County is not included.
- The Kansas City MSA includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.
- The Springfield MSA includes Greene, Christian and Webster counties.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Mar. 1994 ^P	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,437,300	2,430,900	2,367,000	6,400	70,300
MINING	4,200	4,300	4,600	-100	-400
CONSTRUCTION	100,900	100,900	93,200	0	7,700
MANUFACTURING	412,700	412,100	412,900	600	-200
DURABLE GOODS	225,000	224,700	224,500	300	500
NONDURABLE GOODS	187,700	187,400	188,400	300	-700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	154,600	154,600	151,300	0	3,300
TRADE	575,300	574,900	561,500	400	13,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	138,500	138,300	135,700	200	2,800
RETAIL TRADE	436,800	436,600	425,800	200	11,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	142,000	141,300	139,000	700	3,000
SERVICES	664,500	660,300	631,100	4,200	33,400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	383,100	382,500	373,400	600	9,700
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,420,500	2,396,800	2,343,300	23,700	77,200
GOODS PRODUCING	509,700	505,200	500,600	4,500	9,100
MINING	4,100	4,000	4,300	100	-200
CONSTRUCTION	94,600	91,500	86,400	3,100	8,200
General Building Contractors	25,300	24,600	23,300	700	2,000
Heavy Construction	10,900	10,300	9,600	600	1,300
Special Trade Contractors	58,400	56,600	53,500	1,800	4,900
MANUFACTURING	411,000	409,700	409,900	1,300	1,100
DURABLE GOODS	223,900	223,400	222,400	500	1,500
Lumber & Wood Products	11,900	11,800	11,600	100	300
Furniture & Fixtures	14,600	14,500	12,700	100	1,900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,200	10,000	10,000	200	200
Primary Metal Industries	12,100	12,100	11,600	0	500
Fabricated Metal Products	33,500	33,400	33,800	100	-300
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	33,900	33,800	31,800	100	2,100
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	32,700	32,500	30,800	200	1,900
Transportation Equipment	55,400	55,700	59,700	-300	-4,300
Motor vehicles & equipment	25,200	25,400	27,900	-200	-2,700
Aircraft & parts	26,100	26,200	28,100	-100	-2,000
Instruments & Related Products	10,900	10,900	11,800	0	-900
NONDURABLE GOODS	187,100	186,300	187,500	800	-400
Food & Kindred Products	49,000	48,900	48,700	100	300
Beverages	9,300	9,200	9,100	100	200
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	23,100	23,000	22,700	100	400
Paper & Allied Products	13,900	13,800	13,800	100	100
Printing & Publishing	43,200	43,000	42,800	200	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	27,900	27,800	28,800	100	-900
Leather & Leather Products	10,200	10,400	11,400	-200	-1,200
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,910,800	1,891,600	1,842,700	19,200	68,100
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	1,517,700	1,500,800	1,459,400	16,900	58,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	153,800	152,900	150,500	900	3,300
Railroad Transportation	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	48,700	48,100	47,700	600	1,000
Transportation by Air	18,600	18,600	17,900	0	700
Communications	35,400	35,400	35,700	0	-300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Service	20,300	20,300	20,500	0	-200
TRADE	564,500	558,800	548,400	5,700	16,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	137,700	136,600	134,900	1,100	2,800
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	75,200	74,800	74,600	400	600
Motor vehicles, parts & supplies	12,200	12,100	12,100	100	100
Lumber & construction materials	4,500	4,400	4,300	100	200
Professional & commercial equipment	14,900	15,000	15,200	-100	-300
Electrical goods	8,800	8,800	8,500	0	300
Hardware, plumbing & heating equipment	6,200	6,100	5,900	100	300
Machinery, equipment & supplies	17,300	17,200	16,900	100	400
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	62,500	61,800	60,300	700	2,200
Groceries & related	18,000	17,900	17,800	100	200
Petroleum & petroleum products	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Beer, wine & distilled beverages	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	426,800	422,200	413,500	4,600	13,300
Building materials & garden supplies	17,900	17,400	17,500	500	400
General merchandise stores	60,200	59,800	57,100	400	3,100
Food stores	60,200	60,500	57,900	-300	2,300
Automotive dealers/service stations	52,700	52,400	51,300	300	1,400
Apparel & accessory stores	21,400	21,400	21,100	0	300
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	15,000	15,000	14,700	0	300
Eating & drinking places	155,000	151,300	149,900	3,700	5,100

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Mar. 1994 ^P	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	140,700	139,900	137,100	800	3,600
Depository Institutions	44,900	44,700	45,200	200	-300
Nondepository Institutions	9,200	9,200	8,200	0	1,000
Security & Commodity Brokers	14,600	14,400	13,300	200	1,300
Insurance Carriers	30,300	30,300	30,400	0	-100
Insurance Agents, Brokers	13,900	13,900	13,800	0	100
Real Estate	23,900	23,600	22,600	300	1,300
Holding & Other Investment Offices	3,900	3,800	3,600	100	300
SERVICES	658,700	649,200	623,400	9,500	35,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28,000	26,200	26,600	1,800	1,400
Personal Services	28,200	28,200	27,900	0	300
Business Services	113,000	110,700	102,900	2,300	10,100
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	21,800	21,500	20,300	300	1,500
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	29,800	27,600	28,100	2,200	1,700
Health Services	220,400	219,300	210,500	1,100	9,900
Hospitals (private)	104,600	104,400	102,100	200	2,500
Legal Services	15,300	15,200	15,000	100	300
Educational Services (private)	46,700	46,600	44,600	100	2,100
Social Services	47,300	47,000	43,500	300	3,800
Membership Organizations	50,000	49,700	49,500	300	500
Engineering & Management Services	40,000	39,500	37,100	500	2,900
Agricultural Services	9,500	8,900	9,000	600	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	393,100	390,800	383,300	2,300	9,800
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	69,500	69,200	69,400	300	100
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	94,900	94,200	93,200	700	1,700
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	228,700	227,400	220,700	1,300	8,000

^P = Preliminary

Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	365,500	361,200	356,500	40.6	40.2	40.5	\$12.98	\$12.79	\$12.45	\$526.99	\$514.16	\$504.23
CONSTRUCTION	74,100	70,400	65,700	37.7	35.2	36.4	17.85	17.62	17.22	672.95	620.22	626.81
MANUFACTURING	288,100	287,600	287,800	41.3	41.4	41.3	11.83	11.78	11.49	488.58	487.69	474.54
DURABLE GOODS	157,100	157,200	157,300	42.9	42.9	42.3	12.58	12.53	12.38	539.68	537.54	523.67
Lumber & Wood Products	9,500	9,400	9,100	37.3	36.9	38.4	8.25	8.31	7.84	307.72	306.64	301.06
Furniture & Fixtures	11,400	11,300	9,900	40.7	41.7	41.8	9.12	9.04	9.05	371.18	376.97	378.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,800	7,600	7,900	42.9	42.2	38.6	12.47	12.64	11.59	534.96	533.41	447.37
Primary Metal Industries	9,200	9,200	8,900	49.5	49.3	45.5	12.48	12.41	12.83	617.76	611.81	583.77
Fabricated Metal Products	23,300	23,400	23,500	40.2	40.5	41.4	11.91	11.78	11.91	478.78	477.09	493.07
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	24,300	24,100	22,200	42.3	43.1	42.7	11.50	11.58	11.30	486.45	499.10	482.51
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	25,200	25,600	23,900	42.2	41.9	42.2	9.66	9.60	9.26	407.65	402.24	390.77
Transportation Equipment	34,900	35,200	39,500	47.6	47.0	44.0	18.35	18.23	17.82	873.46	856.81	784.08
Motor vehicles & equipment	21,800	22,000	24,800	50.8	49.8	45.0	18.77	18.60	17.78	953.52	926.28	800.10
Instruments & Related Products	5,000	5,000	5,600	42.8	41.2	41.1	10.83	10.78	10.61	463.52	444.14	436.07
NONDURABLE GOODS	131,000	130,400	130,500	39.4	39.6	40.2	10.85	10.79	10.35	427.49	427.28	416.07
Food & Kindred Products	36,700	36,800	37,000	38.9	39.4	38.9	10.88	10.71	10.74	423.23	421.97	417.79
Beverages	3,900	3,900	3,900	38.4	37.5	41.0	20.46	20.43	21.15	785.66	766.13	867.15
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	20,600	20,400	19,700	33.4	34.3	35.1	7.11	7.09	6.78	237.47	243.19	237.98
Paper & Allied Products	11,400	11,300	11,400	42.5	42.3	42.9	11.27	11.31	10.97	478.98	478.41	470.61
Chemicals & Allied Products	14,100	14,000	14,100	47.9	47.2	48.4	15.28	15.32	13.55	731.91	723.10	655.82
Leather & Leather Products	9,400	9,500	10,500	32.2	33.4	36.9	7.45	7.37	6.90	239.89	246.16	254.61
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	1,262,100	1,245,500	1,206,600	32.1	32.2	32.2	9.42	9.44	9.13	302.38	303.97	293.99
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	117,300	115,900	113,200	36.2	36.0	39.8	13.57	15	12.42	491.23	484.20	494.32
TRADE	494,800	489,300	479,200	31.4	31.6	30.9	7.99	8.01	7.89	250.89	253.12	243.80
WHOLESALE TRADE	113,200	112,200	110,500	39.0	39.2	39.6	11.19	11.25	10.83	436.41	441.00	428.87
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	60,200	59,700	59,200	39.9	40.2	40.6	11.76	11.80	11.40	469.22	474.36	462.84
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	53,000	52,500	51,300	37.9	38.1	38.5	10.51	10.59	10.15	398.33	403.48	390.78
RETAIL TRADE	381,600	377,100	368,700	29.1	29.3	28.3	6.72	6.72	6.65	195.55	196.90	188.20
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	108,200	107,400	102,000	36.3	36.6	36.6	10.97	11.03	10.26	398.21	403.70	375.52
SERVICES	541,800	532,900	512,200	31.0	31.0	30.8	9.33	9.38	9.08	289.23	290.78	279.66

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Developments

Labor market conditions in the St. Louis MSA continued to improve in March 1994. Although the unemployment rate, at 5.6 percent, was unchanged from February 1994, both total employment and nonfarm payroll employment were substantially higher. Total unemployment also increased from February to March, indicating that some workers laid off during the winter are now seeking new jobs after a period of time when they were not in the labor force. Manufacturing employment showed its first increase in several months despite a layoff in motor vehicle parts manufacturing. Seasonal gains in construction, retail trade and recreational services paced an increase of 10,500 jobs in nonmanufacturing. Area labor statistics continued to show marked improvement over the year. The unemployment rate dropped from 6.6 percent to 5.6 percent, and total nonfarm employment increased by 29,000 jobs. Construction, retail trade, health services and business services continued leading the recovery. A 12-month loss of 4,700 manufacturing jobs was concentrated in aircraft, motor vehicles and chemicals.

Manufacturing

Employment in manufacturing increased by 700 from February to March. Numerous indus-

tries had small gains, with furniture and printing leading the way. The closing of an auto parts maker pushed employment lower in motor vehicle manufacturing. Over the year, area manufacturers cut 4,700 jobs. Layoffs and plant closings in aerospace, motor vehicles and chemicals during 1993 accounted for the loss. However, manufacturers of industrial machinery and electrical equipment added 900 jobs.

Nonmanufacturing

Construction, retail trade, and services led the way as nonmanufacturing employers added 10,500 jobs between February and March. Transportation, utilities and local government had smaller employment gains. Over the year, nonmanufacturing employment rose by 33,700. All major nonmanufacturing industries added jobs over the year; the largest gains were 15,300 in services and 6,200 each in construction and retail trade.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

Seasonal hiring and a stronger economy should push unemployment down for the next two months. At the moment, it does not appear that flash floods during the April reference week will affect area labor statistics. The unemployment rate in April 1994 is expected to be 5.3 percent of the labor force.

Comparability of Labor Force Data

The entire statewide labor force series has been revised back to 1978. Because of changes in population controls, data for 1990-93, except for the unemployment rate, are not directly comparable to data for earlier years.

Substate labor force data are being revised back to 1990. The 1990-93 labor force data appearing in tables or graphs in this issue include these revisions, but the data are still provisional (unofficial) and subject to change.

Changes in the Current Population Survey have made 1994 data not directly comparable to data for any earlier year. This is true both for the state and for substate areas. As a result, pre-1994 data in tables and graphs have been shaded to indicate this noncomparability.

The revisions and comparability issues were more fully described in the January issue of Missouri Area Labor Trends.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

St. Louis MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Mar. 1994 ^P	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	1,196,600	1,185,400	1,167,600	11,200	29,000
GOODS PRODUCING	250,100	246,500	248,600	3,600	1,500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	56,100	53,200	49,900	2,900	6,200
General Building Contractors	14,600	14,100	12,900	500	1,700
Special Trade Contractors	35,200	33,500	30,300	1,700	4,900
MANUFACTURING	194,000	193,300	198,700	700	-4,700
DURABLE GOODS	115,000	114,800	119,400	200	-4,400
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	6,100	5,700	6,100	400	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Primary Metal Industries	12,800	12,800	13,100	0	-300
Fabricated Metal Products	15,300	15,200	15,500	100	-200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	17,600	17,500	17,100	100	500
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	10,700	10,700	10,300	0	400
Transportation Equipment	37,500	38,000	42,000	-500	-4,500
Motor vehicles & equipment	11,200	11,700	14,500	-500	-3,300
Aircraft & parts	25,700	25,800	26,700	-100	-1,000
Instruments & Related Products	8,400	8,500	8,700	-100	-300
NONDURABLE GOODS	79,000	78,500	79,300	500	-300
Food & Kindred Products	20,200	20,100	20,200	100	0
Beverages	8,300	8,200	8,400	100	-100
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	7,800	7,800	7,700	0	100
Paper & Allied Products	5,900	5,800	5,900	100	0
Printing & Publishing	17,000	16,800	16,800	200	200
Chemicals & Allied Products	17,900	17,900	18,500	0	-600
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics Products	10,200	10,100	10,200	100	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	946,500	938,900	919,000	7,600	27,500
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	793,100	786,100	766,600	7,000	26,500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	78,800	77,900	76,100	900	2,700
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,600	29,200	29,000	400	600
Railroad Transportation	4,700	4,700	4,900	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	19,500	19,100	19,200	400	300
Transportation by Air	11,500	11,500	10,900	0	600
TRADE	281,300	279,600	274,300	1,700	7,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	67,200	66,700	66,400	500	800
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	40,500	40,400	39,900	100	600
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	26,700	26,300	26,500	400	200
RETAIL TRADE	214,100	212,900	207,900	1,200	6,200
Building materials & garden supplies	8,300	8,200	7,800	100	500
General merchandise stores	30,400	29,900	29,800	500	600
Food stores	32,100	32,200	30,000	-100	2,100
Automotive dealers/service stations	22,300	22,100	21,500	200	800
Apparel & accessory stores	12,100	12,200	12,400	-100	-300
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	8,700	8,700	8,200	0	500
Eating & drinking places	78,200	77,400	76,700	800	1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	72,900	72,500	71,400	400	1,500
Depository Institutions	21,600	21,500	22,400	100	-800
Nondepository Institutions	6,700	6,700	5,700	0	1,000
Insurance Carriers	15,200	15,200	16,000	0	-800
Insurance Agents, Brokers	6,900	6,900	6,900	0	0
Real Estate	12,700	12,600	11,700	100	1,000
SERVICES	360,100	356,100	344,800	4,000	15,300
Personal Services	14,900	14,600	15,200	300	-300
Business Services	65,300	64,700	62,300	600	3,000
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	11,900	11,800	11,000	100	900
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	18,400	16,700	16,700	1,700	1,700
Health Services	117,800	117,200	113,300	600	4,500
Hospitals (private)	60,900	60,700	60,500	200	400
Legal Services	8,200	8,200	8,400	0	-200
Educational Services (private)	33,700	33,900	32,600	-200	1,100
Social Services	22,900	22,600	21,400	300	1,500
Membership Organizations	20,800	20,800	20,000	0	800
Engineering & Management Services	23,600	23,400	22,600	200	1,000
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	153,400	152,800	152,400	600	1,000
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	35,100	35,200	35,100	-100	0
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	20,100	20,000	19,800	100	300
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	98,200	97,600	97,500	600	700

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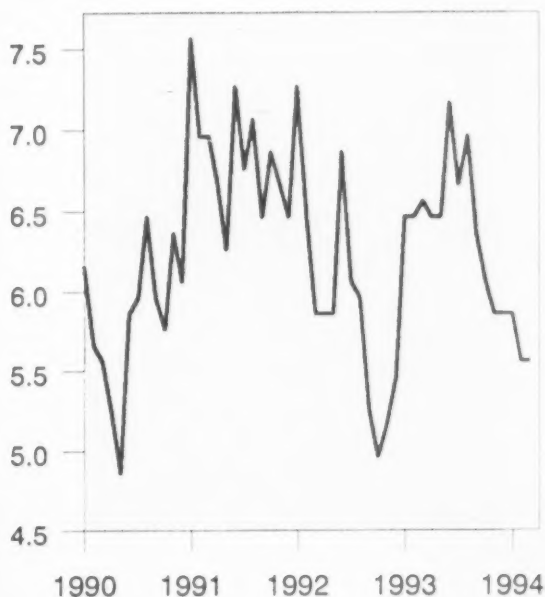
Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings

St. Louis MSA

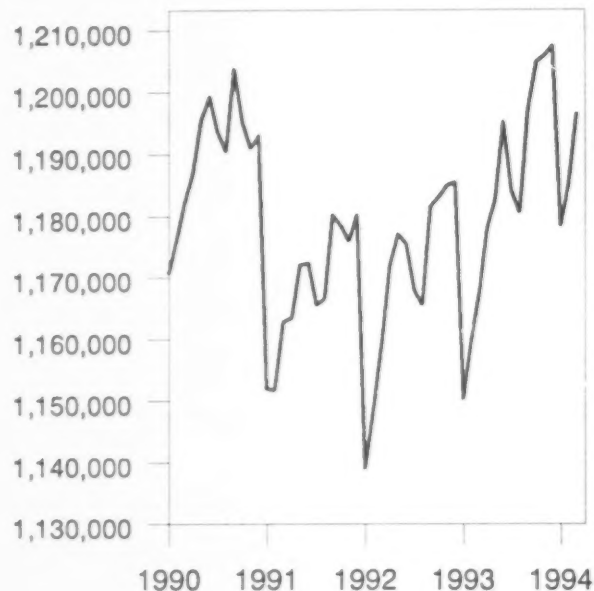
Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	169,200	165,800	161,300	42.1	41.3	41.6	\$15.06	\$15.10	\$14.71	\$634.03	\$623.63	\$611.94
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	43,500	40,500	37,500	37.8	34.9	35.2	19.71	19.59	19.14	745.04	683.69	673.73
MANUFACTURING	125,700	125,300	123,800	43.6	43.3	43.5	13.68	13.93	13.63	596.45	603.17	592.91
DURABLE GOODS	71,400	71,300	76,800	45.3	44.5	43.4	14.56	14.63	14.59	659.57	651.04	633.21
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	4,500	4,200	4,400	42.1	40.1	41.0	9.38	8.40	10.41	394.90	336.84	426.81
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,100	2,100	2,000	40.7	36.9	43.5	11.42	14.22	13.19	464.79	524.72	573.77
Primary Metal Industries	9,300	9,500	9,700	51.6	50.6	46.6	13.88	13.31	13.85	716.21	673.49	645.41
Fabricated Metal Products	11,500	11,500	11,700	42.1	41.9	43.4	13.93	13.97	13.66	586.45	585.34	592.84
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	11,500	11,300	11,000	43.1	43.2	42.6	12.69	12.82	12.67	546.94	553.82	539.74
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	7,100	7,100	6,700	41.6	40.8	42.0	9.39	9.44	9.95	390.62	385.15	417.90
Transportation Equipment	19,500	19,900	24,900	48.8	48.2	43.9	20.12	20.09	19.14	981.86	968.34	840.25
Motor vehicles & equipment	9,700	10,100	12,900	54.3	53.0	45.2	20.11	20.16	18.71	1,091.97	1,068.48	845.69
Instruments & Related Products	3,600	3,700	3,800	44.1	41.8	40.6	12.18	12.25	12.13	537.14	512.05	492.48
NONDURABLE GOODS	54,300	54,000	47,000	41.5	41.8	43.8	12.41	12.93	12.08	515.02	540.47	529.10
Food & Kindred Products	13,500	13,500	12,700	37.8	38.4	41.0	13.62	13.86	14.10	514.84	532.22	578.10
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	6,500	6,500	5,900	39.1	38.2	40.6	7.57	7.43	7.52	295.99	283.83	305.31
Paper & Allied Products	4,900	4,800	4,900	56.6	59.4	46.0	9.43	9.10	11.27	533.74	540.54	518.42
Printing & Publishing	11,100	10,900	10,300	41.5	41.6	41.3	12.69	13.10	13.08	526.64	544.96	540.20
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,900	10,900	6,100	40.8	40.4	56.8	14.95	16.93	12.05	609.96	683.97	684.44
Petroleum, Coal, Plastics Products	7,400	7,400	7,100	41.8	42.2	42.2	13.01	13.43	11.43	543.82	566.75	482.35
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	655,000	647,500	630,300	31.3	31.2	31.5	10.08	10.11	9.91	315.50	315.43	312.17
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	61,400	60,400	58,600	36.9	36.3	37.7	13.03	13.19	13.98	480.81	478.80	527.05
TRADE	249,200	247,200	241,500	30.1	30.2	30.3	9.17	9.15	8.83	276.02	276.33	267.55
WHOLESALE TRADE	55,600	55,100	54,600	38.3	38.8	39.7	12.40	12.30	11.88	474.92	477.24	471.64
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	33,300	33,200	32,600	39.6	39.8	40.4	11.99	12.02	11.76	474.80	478.40	475.10
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	22,300	21,900	22,000	36.4	37.2	38.6	13.05	12.75	12.06	475.02	474.30	465.52
RETAIL TRADE	193,600	192,100	186,900	27.7	27.7	27.6	7.89	7.88	7.55	218.55	218.28	208.38
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	52,600	52,300	51,200	36.0	36.0	35.0	10.45	10.69	10.32	376.20	384.84	361.20
SERVICES	291,800	287,600	279,000	30.3	30.0	30.5	10.02	10.04	9.71	303.61	301.20	296.16

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St. Louis MSA Unemployment Rate



St. Louis MSA Payroll Employment



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Kansas City Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Conditions

The Kansas City Metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in March 1994, little changed from February's 5.2 percent. Since climbing to 5.7 percent in January, the unemployment rate has declined by half a percentage point. The number unemployed rose by 1,500 to 47,500 persons in March, after falling to 46,000 in February. Estimated total employment climbed to 841,600, following a temporary decline in February of 4,800 persons. As a result of increases in both unemployment and employment, the civilian labor force expanded by 7,400 over the month, reaching a total of 889,000 persons.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment continued to climb in March reaching a total of 815,900. The increase of 6,700 jobs was slightly below the average increase of 9,000 jobs usually generated in March. Since the low point in January 1994 of 804,000, the area has added 11,400 jobs, compared to 15,500 gained during the same period in the first quarter of 1993. While the increase over the month and during the quarter were slightly below average, the addition of 22,400 jobs over the March 1993 total was well above the normal March over-the-year increase.

Every major industry group posted an increase in jobs over the month. Government with 1,800 jobs, contributed more than a quarter of the net gain in March, primarily the result of the normal seasonal hiring of federal tax processors. After sliding for most of the prior ten months, federal government added 1,000 jobs in March and has added 1,900 jobs since the low in January. Since March 1993, federal government has lost 300 jobs. Local government added 800 jobs as area schools returned to normal levels, while state government remained steady. Compared to year-ago totals, local government showed lower levels of employment, while state government recorded a gain of nearly 3 percent.

The services industry group added 1,300 jobs over the month and has gained 1,600 since January. The largest gain occurred in amusement and recreation, but most service industries, except legal, posted increases. Legal services also was an exception in showing lower employment this March compared to March 1993. Overall, the services industry has added 9,100 jobs since March 1993, most notably

in business services, which accounted for 3,600 or nearly 40 percent of the net increase in services jobs.

Employment in retail trade rebounded from the two month post-holiday seasonal decline in January and February and added 1,100 jobs, primarily in eating and drinking places. Within retail trade only furniture and home furnishing stores, which have shown slow but steady job growth since May 1993, recorded a slight decline. Despite the recent loss, the industry remained above March 1993 level by 300 jobs. Large gains over the year in eating and drinking places and automotive dealers contributed to retail trade growth totaling 4,000 jobs. Wholesale trade also rose over the month, mainly in durable goods. Gains in both durable and nondurable wholesale goods resulted in 1,500 additional jobs over the year.

Elsewhere within the service-producing industries, transportation, communications and public utilities showed a modest increase over the month and has added 2,100 jobs over the year, mainly in communications and trucking and warehousing.

Within finance, insurance and real estate, banking has shown small losses over the month and over the year, while continued gains in the nonbanking component, primarily real estate, contributed to the industry adding 1,200 over the year.

Manufacturing employment continued to rise for the fourth consecutive month. While transportation equipment has led in generating much of the growth, small gains scattered across the sector accounted for the March increase. Despite over-the-year losses in chemicals and fabricated metals, manufacturing has added 1,600 jobs since March 1993.

The construction industry continued to expand adding another 1,400 jobs in March. The increase is the second monthly gain since hitting the seasonal low in January 1994. Over the year, the industry has added 2,900 jobs, a 9.4 percent increase. Increased activity across building, nonbuilding, and special trade contracting continues to add strength to the growth.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Employment is expected to continue to expand in April. Most industries will show higher levels of employment, although the bulk will be seasonally related gains in trade, services, and construction. Unemployment is expected to fall in April.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Kansas City MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Mar. 1994 ^P	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	815,900	809,200	793,500	6,700	22,400
GOODS PRODUCING	140,600	138,800	136,100	1,800	4,500
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	33,800	32,400	30,900	1,400	2,900
General Building Contractors	7,300	7,100	6,500	200	1,000
Special Trade Contractors	21,400	20,700	20,300	700	1,100
MANUFACTURING	106,800	106,400	105,200	400	1,600
DURABLE GOODS	50,600	50,400	49,000	200	1,600
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,500	3,400	3,300	100	200
Fabricated Metal Products	12,500	12,400	12,700	100	-200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	7,900	7,900	7,500	0	400
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	7,300	7,200	7,100	100	200
Transportation Equipment	9,600	9,600	8,600	0	1,000
NONDURABLE GOODS	56,200	56,000	56,200	200	0
Food & Kindred Products	8,400	8,400	8,400	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	6,300	6,300	6,100	0	200
Printing & Publishing	22,800	22,700	22,400	100	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,100	9,100	9,800	0	-700
SERVICE PRODUCING	675,300	670,400	657,400	4,900	17,900
PRIVATE SERVICE-PRODUCING	548,000	544,900	530,100	3,100	17,900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65,000	64,600	62,900	400	2,100
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	25,400	25,200	24,500	200	900
Railroad Transportation	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	100
Trucking & Warehousing	19,200	19,000	18,400	200	800
Transportation by Air	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0
TRADE	199,600	198,300	194,100	1,300	5,500
WHOLESALE TRADE	57,000	56,800	55,500	200	1,500
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	34,700	34,500	33,900	200	800
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	22,300	22,300	21,600	0	700
RETAIL TRADE	142,600	141,500	138,600	1,100	4,000
Building materials & garden supplies	6,800	6,700	6,200	100	600
General merchandise stores	20,700	20,500	20,300	200	400
Food stores	19,200	19,000	18,600	200	600
Automotive dealers/service stations	16,400	16,300	15,300	100	1,100
Apparel & accessory stores	6,300	6,200	6,300	100	0
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	5,600	5,700	5,300	-100	300
Eating & drinking places	51,800	51,000	49,100	800	2,700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	62,300	62,200	61,100	100	1,200
Depository Institutions	14,900	15,000	15,400	-100	-500
SERVICES	221,100	219,800	212,000	1,300	9,100
Personal Services	11,400	11,300	10,600	100	800
Business Services	50,200	50,100	46,600	100	3,600
Automotive & miscellaneous repair services	9,700	9,700	9,400	0	300
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	12,100	11,500	10,100	600	2,000
Health Services	63,800	63,700	63,200	100	600
Legal Services	6,600	6,700	6,900	-100	-300
Educational Services (private)	7,800	7,800	7,600	0	200
Social Services	12,600	12,400	11,900	200	700
Membership Organizations	13,600	13,400	13,100	200	500
Engineering & Management Services	21,000	21,000	20,600	0	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	127,300	125,500	127,300	1,800	0
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	32,600	31,600	32,900	1,000	-300
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	18,800	18,800	18,300	0	500
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	75,900	75,100	76,100	800	-200

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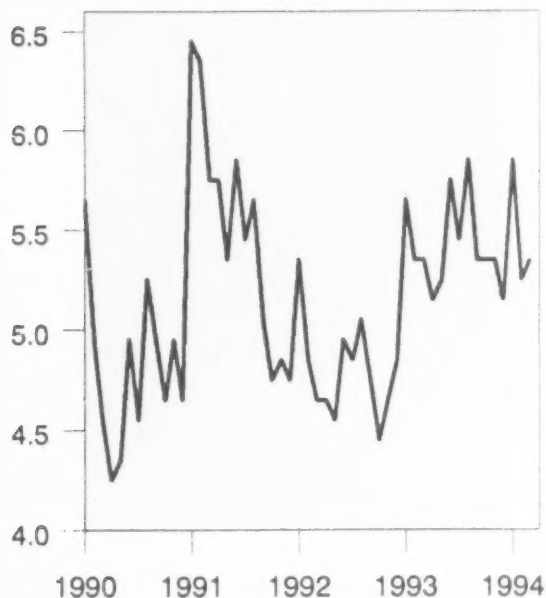
Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings

Kansas City MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	99,400	97,300	94,400	45.4	41.4	40.3	\$13.45	\$14.44	\$14.29	\$610.63	\$597.82	\$575.89
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	26,000	24,200	23,100	39.5	37.9	37.2	16.51	16.60	17.91	652.15	629.14	666.25
MANUFACTURING	73,400	73,100	71,300	47.5	42.6	41.3	12.55	13.80	13.23	596.13	587.88	546.40
DURABLE GOODS	36,200	36,000	34,400	44.0	43.0	42.1	15.13	15.04	14.15	665.72	646.72	595.72
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	2,700	2,700	2,500	42.5	42.6	41.9	9.41	9.26	9.38	399.93	394.48	393.02
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,700	2,600	2,600	41.0	34.4	40.9	12.71	12.24	12.95	521.11	421.06	529.65
Fabricated Metal Products	6,900	6,800	7,200	39.7	39.2	39.3	13.08	12.87	12.70	519.28	504.56	500.11
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5,600	5,600	5,100	41.7	41.9	42.4	12.76	12.89	12.31	532.09	540.06	521.94
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	5,500	5,400	5,200	40.1	42.0	41.8	13.01	13.30	12.41	521.70	558.90	518.74
Transportation Equipment	8,700	8,700	7,800	51.7	49.3	42.0	20.77	20.67	19.26	1,073.81	1,019.03	808.92
NONDURABLE GOODS	37,200	37,100	36,900	50.9	42.1	40.6	10.38	12.57	12.35	528.34	529.20	501.41
Food & Kindred Products	6,500	6,500	6,500	42.3	41.6	36.5	11.84	12.22	12.24	500.83	508.35	446.76
Paper & Allied Products	4,900	4,900	4,800	42.8	41.8	40.2	11.25	11.30	11.40	481.50	472.34	458.28
Chemicals & Allied Products	3,800	3,900	4,000	40.7	41.0	42.2	17.52	17.14	17.44	713.06	702.74	735.97
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	445,700	442,900	427,300	34.3	34.2	33.8	10.08	10.18	9.97	345.74	348.16	336.99
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	36,700	36,300	34,700	39.5	40.1	40.0	16.53	16.52	16.06	652.94	662.45	642.40
TRADE	171,900	170,600	167,200	34.7	33.8	31.6	7.92	7.96	8.37	274.82	269.05	264.49
WHOLESALE TRADE	46,700	46,500	45,400	38.4	39.0	40.5	11.54	11.54	11.16	443.14	453.96	451.98
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	28,400	28,200	27,600	39.9	39.9	41.1	11.52	11.60	11.22	459.65	462.84	461.14
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	18,300	18,300	17,800	36.0	37.6	39.6	11.57	11.71	11.07	416.52	440.30	438.37
RETAIL TRADE	125,200	124,100	121,800	33.3	31.9	28.2	6.37	6.28	6.87	212.12	200.33	193.73
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	49,300	49,200	48,000	37.7	38.4	40.4	10.97	11.02	9.39	413.57	423.17	379.36
SERVICES	187,800	186,800	177,400	32.0	32.3	33.0	10.40	10.51	10.15	332.80	339.47	334.95

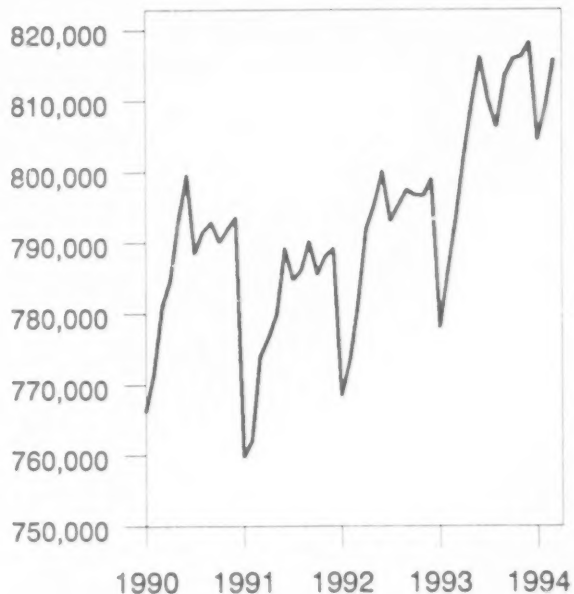
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Kansas City MSA Unemployment Rate



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Kansas City MSA Payroll Employment



Springfield Labor Market Review

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Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force rose 600 from February to reach 152,900 in March. The area unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point, rising from 4.3 percent to 4.4 percent. The number of unemployed persons edged up by 200 to 6,800 in March.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment was 142,300 in March 1994, an increase of 1,000 jobs from February 1994. While manufacturing jobs remained the same, nonmanufacturing jobs showed significant gains, especially in trade, up 800; services, up 500; and transportation and public utilities, up 100.

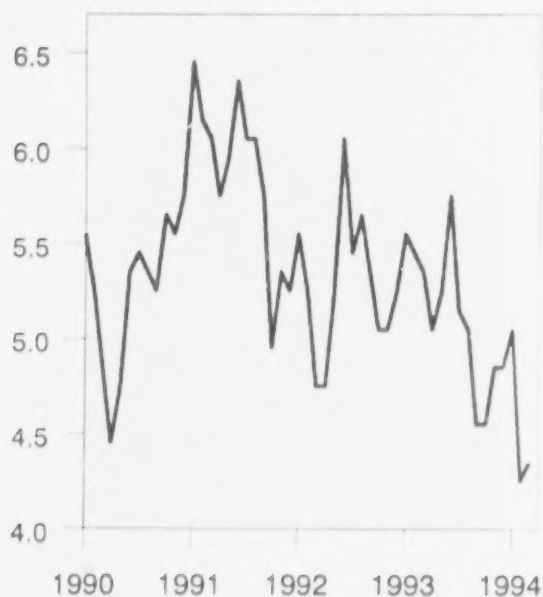
Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production workers increased from \$9.94 in February to \$10.04 in March. Average weekly hours dropped from 39.3 in February to 38.6 in March. As a result of the decrease in average weekly hours, the average weekly earnings also decreased, dipping to \$387.54.

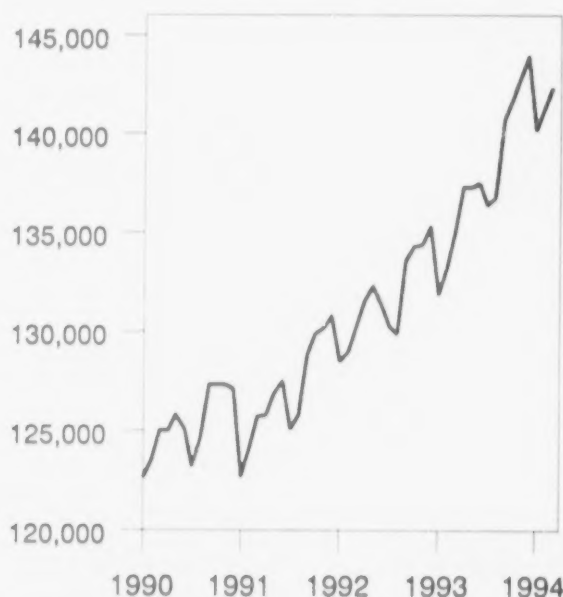
Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Due to the strike in the trucking industry, payroll employment is expected to show a slight net decrease in April. It is possible that some secondary layoff could occur if the strike lasts for a prolonged period. However, seasonal gains in the tourism and construction industries will help push employment up and reduce the unemployment rolls.

Springfield MSA Unemployment Rate



Springfield MSA Payroll Employment



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Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Springfield MSA

Industry	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Mar. 1994 ^P	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993	Feb. 1994	Mar. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	142,300	141,300	135,000	1,000	7,300
GOODS PRODUCING	26,800	27,100	26,600	-300	200
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	5,500	5,800	5,400	-300	100
MANUFACTURING	21,300	21,300	21,200	0	100
DURABLE GOODS	10,000	10,000	10,200	0	-200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
NONDURABLE GOODS	11,300	11,300	11,000	0	300
Paper & Allied Products	1,300	1,400	1,400	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	115,500	114,200	108,400	1,300	7,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	97,200	95,800	90,500	1,400	6,700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,300	8,200	7,900	100	400
Railroad Transportation	800	800	900	0	-100
TRADE	40,100	39,300	37,000	800	3,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	10,600	10,400	10,000	200	600
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	5,700	5,500	5,300	200	400
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	200
RETAIL TRADE	29,500	28,900	27,000	600	2,500
Eating & drinking places	10,600	10,400	9,600	200	1,000
Retail Trade exc eating & drinking places	18,900	18,500	17,400	400	1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	6,300	6,300	5,900	0	400
SERVICES	42,500	42,000	39,700	500	2,800
Personal & Business Services	9,000	8,800	7,900	200	1,100
Health Services	16,400	16,400	16,100	0	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18,300	18,400	17,900	-100	400
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2,300	2,200	2,200	100	100
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	5,700	5,900	5,900	-200	-200
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	10,300	10,300	9,800	0	500

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings

Springfield MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994 ^P	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
GOODS PRODUCING	20,200	20,500	19,600	37.3	37.7	40.6	\$10.59	\$10.46	\$10.33	\$395.01	\$394.34	\$419.40
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4,200	4,400	4,000	32.4	31.6	39.1	13.14	12.86	12.26	425.74	406.38	479.37
MANUFACTURING	16,000	16,100	15,600	38.6	39.3	40.9	10.04	9.94	9.86	387.54	390.64	403.27
DURABLE GOODS	7,600	7,600	7,600	38.3	40.0	40.0	10.14	10.16	9.67	388.36	406.40	386.80
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	1,600	1,600	1,600	39.6	41.0	39.6	11.41	11.55	11.15	451.84	473.55	441.54
Electronic & Other Electrical Eqp	2,400	2,400	2,500	38.4	40.4	40.3	9.38	9.41	9.29	360.19	380.16	374.39
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,400	8,500	8,000	38.9	38.8	41.9	9.95	9.73	10.03	387.05	377.52	420.26
Paper & Allied Products	1,100	1,100	1,200	39.3	40.5	43.4	11.61	11.39	11.10	456.27	461.30	481.74
Printing & Publishing	1,400	1,400	1,400	37.2	37.8	37.9	10.40	10.20	10.22	386.88	385.56	387.34
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	80,800	79,600	74,700	32.4	33.0	32.4	7.86	7.84	7.67	254.66	258.72	248.51
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	6,800	6,800	6,600	34.0	34.8	36.0	12.25	11.70	10.21	416.50	407.16	367.56
TRADE	36,400	35,800	33,100	30.4	30.9	31.4	7.73	7.75	7.85	234.99	239.48	246.49
WHOLESALE TRADE	9,000	8,900	8,300	38.9	39.4	39.2	11.14	11.20	11.13	433.35	441.28	436.30
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	4,800	4,700	4,300	40.1	40.6	39.1	9.49	9.66	9.38	380.55	392.20	366.76
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	4,200	4,200	4,000	37.5	38.0	39.4	13.15	13.02	12.97	493.13	494.76	511.02
RETAIL TRADE	27,400	26,900	24,800	27.6	28.1	28.8	6.15	6.15	6.35	169.74	172.82	182.88
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	5,100	4,900	4,200	36.2	38.1	33.4	7.01	7.03	6.76	253.76	267.84	225.78
SERVICES	32,500	32,100	30,800	33.8	34.1	32.5	7.20	7.22	6.99	243.36	246.20	227.18

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